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H.B. No. 1791

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of connected braking systems to maintain
3 distance between vehicles.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 545.062, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) An operator of a vehicle equipped with a connected
8 braking system that is following another vehicle equipped with that
9 system may be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear
10 distance or sufficient space as required by this section. In this
11 subsection, "connected braking system" means a system by which the
12 braking of one vehicle is electronically coordinated with the
13 braking system of a following vehicle.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.